

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:302
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2001
AIRPORT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have not yet signed any agreement with Nepal over the airport security arrangements after one year of Kandhar hijacking incident;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item in the Hindustan Times of December 27, 2000 in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.302 for 19.03.2001 regarding `Airport Security Arrangements`

(a) & (b) Indian Airlines have reached an understanding with the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal regarding measures for ensuring security of Indian Airlines flights taking off from Kathmandu.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After the hijacking incident, the Government of India sent a team to Kathmandu to review the security arrangements at Tribhuvan International Airport and to designate adequate security measures so as to preclude the possibility of any security lapse in future. The recommendations of this team were brought to the notice of His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMGN), who have already taken a number of measures recommended by the team.

Indian Airlines too implemented the measures suggested by the team to improve the security arrangements of Indian Airlines' flights from Kathmandu Airport, which include strengthening the access control of the aircraft on the ground, 100% frisking of passengers and checking of their hand-baggage at ladder-point before boarding.